



Welsh Placenames

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Basic Welsh Pronunciation

- **a:** 'ah' like **a**pple
- **b:** like an English **b**
- **c:** like **k**, as in **cat**, never **cease**
- **ch:** like Scottish **loch** never **choice**
- **d:** like an English **d**
- **dd:** voiced **th** like sound in **then**
- **e:** like sound in **breath**
- **f:** like English **v**
- **ff:** like English **f**
- **g:** hard **g** like English **get**
- **ng:** like sound in **longer**
- **h:** like sound in **have**
- **i:** long **eee**, like sound in **meet**
- **l:** like English **l**
- **ll:** made by putting tip of tongue on roof of mouth and blowing
- **m:** like English **m**
- **n:** like English **n**
- **o:** long **o** like **go**
- **p:** like English **p**
- **ph:** like sound in **phone**
- **r:** trilled or rolled **r**
- **rh:** reverse the letters and blow an **h** while rolling **r**
- **s:** always soft like sound in **sat**, never **z**
- **t:** like an English **t**
- **th:** unvoiced **th** like **wreath**
- **u:** long **e** like **tea**
- **w:** **oo** like **broom**, or like English **w** as in **work** when used as consonant
- **y:** like **uh** in **come** or (end of words) long **e** as in **family**

Useful websites

- FamilySearch wiki: Welsh place name elements
 - https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Welsh_Place_Name_Elements
- FamilySearch wiki: Welsh Place Name List
 - https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Welsh_Place_Name_List
- Wikipedia: Welsh toponymy
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Welsh_toponymy
- Welsh pronunciation: <https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Welsh/Pronunciation>
 - Wales sounds index: <https://www.jlb2011.co.uk/wales/sounds/index.htm>
 - Youtube: Learn Welsh podcast: <https://www.youtube.com/c/LearnWelshPodcast>